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9 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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11 TO URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO WORK
12 EXPEDITIOUSLY TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO
13 CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON THE USE OF CANNABIS TO
14 TREAT MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND ILLNESSES.

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16 Whereas, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has recently
17 approved Epidiolex oral solution for the treatment of seizures
18 associated with two rare and severe forms of epilepsy,
19 Lennox-Gastaut syndrome and Dravet syndrome in patients two
20 years of age and older; and

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22 Whereas, the recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval
23 of Epidiolex serves as a reminder that advancing development
24 programs that properly evaluate active ingredients contained in
25 marijuana can lead to important medical therapies, and controlled
26 clinical trials testing the safety and efficacy of a drug along with
27 careful review through the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's
28 drug approval process is the most appropriate way to bring
29 treatments to patients; and

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31 Whereas, citizens across the country are using cannabis to treat a
32 variety of medical conditions and illnesses, and cannabis is
33 becoming increasingly accessible, despite the dearth of scientific
34 research that exists on its efficacy overall and its efficacy as
35 impacted by dosage amounts, drug interactions, drug composition,
36 and drug side effects; and

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38 Whereas, federal statutory and regulatory barriers have prevented
39 thorough research on the use of cannabis to treat medical conditions
40 and illnesses, and these barriers have undermined the ability of
41 states to obtain clear, well-researched scientific evidence relevant to
42 use of cannabis for medical purposes; and

Whereas, the federal government has a duty to protect its citizens by promoting research on the medicinal value, if any, of cannabis to treat a variety of medical conditions and illnesses; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the health and well-being of all people and to propose statutory and regulatory actions to accomplish that end. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina hereby urges Congress to take immediate and additional steps to promote and actively pursue scientific research and testing into the potential use of cannabis to treat other medical conditions and illnesses by removing the federal statutory and regulatory barriers that prevent these scientific endeavors.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President and President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and that copies of this resolution also be transmitted to the members of the United States Congress from this State.

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